(b) the retail price minus 18 per cent, thereof, in the case of non-ethical drugs.

No manufacturer, importer, distributor or wholesales shall sell a formulation to a retailer unless otherwise permitted under the provisions of this Order or any other order made thereunder, at a price higher than—

(a) the retail price minus 17 per cent thereof, in the case of ethical drugs; and

(b) the retail price minus 15 per cent thereof, in the case of non-ethical drugs.

Explanation: For the purpose of this paragraph—

(i) "ethical drugs" shall include all drugs specified in Schedule C, Entries Nos. 1, 2. 3, 7, 8 and 9 of Schedule C(1), Schedule G, Schedule H, appended to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (23 of 1940); and

(ii) "non-ethical drugs" shall mean all drugs other than ethical drugs.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-paragraph (1) and (2) the Government may by a general or special order, fix, in public interest, the price to the wholesaler or retailer in respect of any formulation the price of which has been fixed or revised under this order.

STD facilities in Orissa Towns

1286. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towns in Orissa which are connected by STD facility with State capitals as on 31st January, 1988;

(b) what are the names of the towns where this facility is proposed to be provided during 1988-89; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) 12 towns (including Bhubaneswar) are connected by STD facility with State capitals.

(b) Angul, Bhadrak, Chatrapur (Distt. Ganjam), Jeypore and Koraput are proposed to be provided with STD facility during 1988-89.

(c) Action is being taken for provision of transmission media and automatisation of the manual exchange of Jeypore.

'Intercorporate Fund'

@1287. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish "Intercorporate Fund" for public sector industries to transfer funds by way of loans or otherwise from the Public Sector Unit to other Public Sector Unit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE

@Previously Unstarred Question 1069 transferred from the 3rd March, 1988.

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) One of the recommendation of the Conference of Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings held in January, 1988 is that, there should be institutional arrangements for intercorporate transfer of funds. The recommendations of the Conference are under consideration of the Government.

Revamping Sick Public Sector Units

1288. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the mounting losses incurred by public sector units, Government have taken various measures for overhauling them, including closure or merger of sick units, induction of professional talent from private sector and greater autonomy for top executives;

(b) if so, what specific decisions have been taken in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) For improving the performance of various public sector units whose problems differ widely, various steps have to be taken from time to time. There cannot be any single formula of such steps applicable to all enterprises. There is no proposal under consideration to close or merge sick units. Persons from the private setcor are also considered for appointment in the public sector and various measures have been taken from time to time to give greater autonomy to the public sector enterprises consistent with accountability.

Proposal to set up new industries in Andhra Pradesh

1289. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Central Government to set up New Industries in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details of such industries which are likely to be set up during the period 1988-89; and

(c) what are the financial implications in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Planning Commission has indicated that there is no proposal to set up major central sector industrial and mineral projects at greenfield sites in Andhra Pradesh. However, outlays have been provided in the Seventh Plan for a number of expansion schemes, balancing facilities and diversification schemes, replacements and renewals and other facilities in the existing public sector undertakings in Andhra Pradesh. A list of such major schemes together with the Seventh Plan outlays approved in respect of these schemes is attached as Statement.